

included--; line 11, cancel "Scale bar: 25pA and 20ms."; same line, change "Fig. 4b" to - Data developed--; line 13 cancel "(top)" and "(middle)"; line 14, cancel "(bottom)"; lines 16 - 17, cancel "Scale bars: top 50pA; middle, 100 pA; bottom, 50 pA; time scale, as in Fig. 4a. Fig. 4c, left," and replace with -Graphs were prepared of--; line 19, change "Scale bar: 40pA and 20ms. On the right," to -The graphs included--; lines 21 - 22, cancel "The means $\pm$ SEM are also shown and superimposed using the filled symbols."

Line 25, change "Fig. 5 graphs" to - Also graphed were--; line 26, change "Fig. 5a" to -One of the graphs --; lines 28 - 29, cancel "The differences between the two responses at each time point are also shown."; line 31, change "Scale bar: 10ms. Fig. 5b" to -Another graph".

Page 7, lines 2-3, cancel "The means $\pm$ SEM of all slices are also shown in filled symbols."; line 4, cancel "(see Fig. 2)";

Page 8, line 28, cancel "(Fig. 2a)"; line 29, cancel "(Fig. 2a)".

## REMARKS

The absence of figures in the Patent Office file of the subject application was reported to the undersigned on July 13, 1999. A filing date was accorded the application. While copies of the drawings are present in the attorney's file, the coversheet and postcard do not indicate that drawings were included with the filing documents. Therefore, it is uncertain whether drawings were included and lost by the patent office, but were not indicated in the filing papers, or the drawings were not included. To ensure that the filing date of the application is confirmed, regardless of what occurred, the application has been amended to remove any reference to the drawings and language substituted, which in no wise adds new matter.

The references to the drawings provided a description of the data and the conclusions to be drawn from the observations. The invention is a method which is described and is capable of being performed without the figures. The figures were representations of the data disclosed

in the application, where the data disclosed support the validity of the conclusions set forth in the application. Therefore, the application was complete without drawings and the drawings merely added graphic depictions of the evidence described in the application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the above amendments to provide for a more accurate specification. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is authorized to call the undersigned collect at 650 328 4400.

Respectfully submitted,



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